

Spiritual Gifts

1. Every believer in Jesus Christ has been given by God a **unique** spiritual **gift** or gift **mix**.

1 Pet 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Rom 12:4-7 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly

1 Cor 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

1 Cor 12:18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

2. The **potential** for us in the area of our gifting is **infinite**, we have the potential to be as **good** as Jesus in that area.

Ephesians 4:12 the body of Christ . . .

3. Spiritual gifts are given to us by God primarily to edify, **serve**, and care for **others** in our **church**.

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1 Cor 14:26 What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1 Cor 14:12 So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

1 Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Eph 4:11-13 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

4. The fact that we have been given a gift means that we are **responsible** as stewards to **discover** and **develop** our gift to the fullest.

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you. . .

2 Timothy 1:6 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you. . .

1 Pet 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Cor 12:8 And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly.

5. Very few things bring more **joy** and **satisfaction** to our life than serving in the area that we are **gifted**.

6. When most of the people who attend **JBC** are **functioning** in the area of their **giftedness** we will be a very alive and healthy church.

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each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

7. A few of the gifts mentioned in the writings of Paul in the New Testament are **teaching**, leading, serving, **mercy**, encouragement, organization, and **giving**.

8. As you **search** for your spiritual gift don't get **hung** up on having a **name** or title for your gift, just a general idea of what you do well and enjoy.

9. Our Spiritual gift will function in unity with our natural talents, learned **skills**, life experiences, **passions**, and **temperament**.

10. God has made us into a spiritual **snow flake**, which makes it even more important that we are involved in edifying our church family because **nobody** can do exactly what each of us can.

11. One person who has the gift of **teaching** may function best with **adults** and someone else with young **kids**.

12. If we are not **involved** in doing something in the church as a **committed** part of the body of Christ our spiritual gift will not **function** and we will have no clue what it is.

13. Many Christians do very **little** in their church because they don't **think** they can, but if we are serving in the area of our giftedness we can't **fail**.

14. Many Christians do very little in their church because they don't have any **time**, it is essential that we **prioritize** our life for serving **Jesus** and His Bride.

2 Timothy 2:4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

15. Spiritual gifts are intended by God to function **best** when we are involved in a **ministry** in our church.

16. A **ministry** is a spiritual **farm**, we own it, we can describe it, we can **dream** about it, and we can set goals about it.

1 Cor 12:14-20 For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

17. The key to finding our spiritual gift is to **experiment**, if an **opportunity** comes up give it a shot and see what happens. If it doesn't work, **quit**, and try something else.

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18. Every believer will **stand** before Jesus at the end of their life and give an **account** to Him of what they have done with their life and be **rewarded** accordingly.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

Romans 14:10–12 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall

give praise to God.” So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

19. Some of the rewards that we will receive are **glory**, closeness to **Jesus**, the **job** we will have in the Kingdom, and the level of **joy** we will experience in the Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 15:41–42 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection.

Matthew 25:21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Revelation 3:21–22 ‘He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

1 Peter 1:6–7 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

20. What we have done for our **church** to make it **healthy**, to stir up growth, to make it **beautiful**, without spot, wrinkle, or blemish will be the basis for most of our rewards.

1 Corinthians 3:9–15 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. If

any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Ephesians 5:25–28 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.